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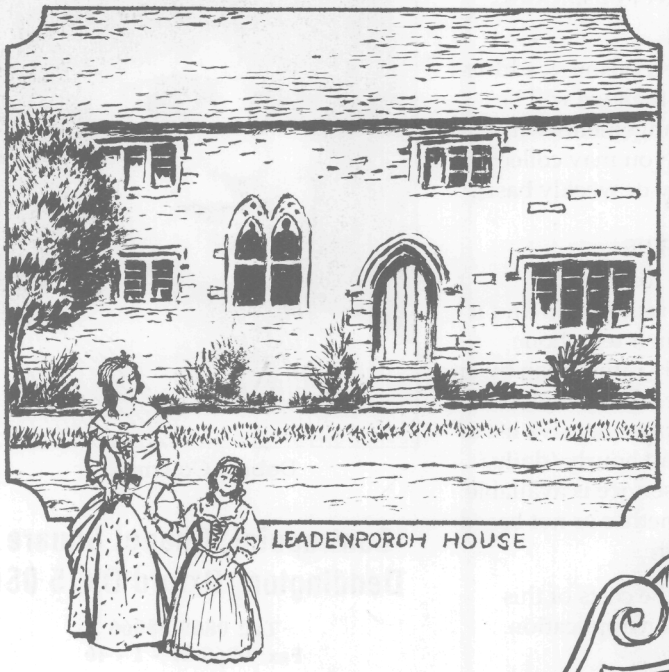
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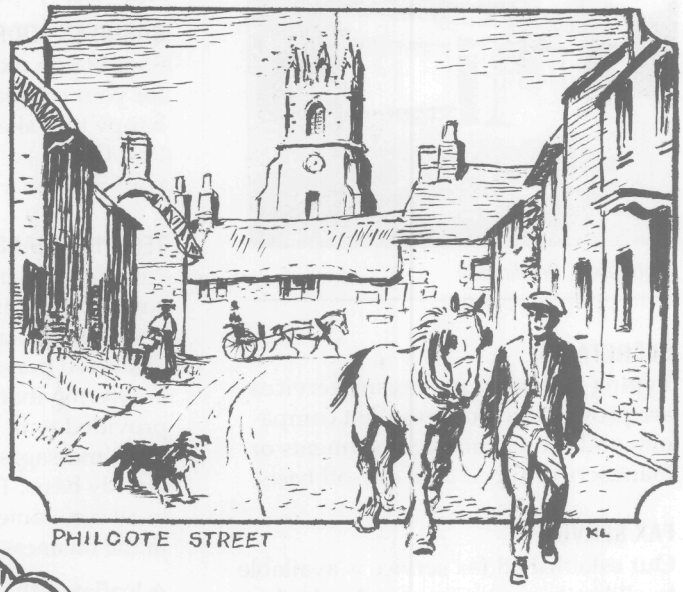

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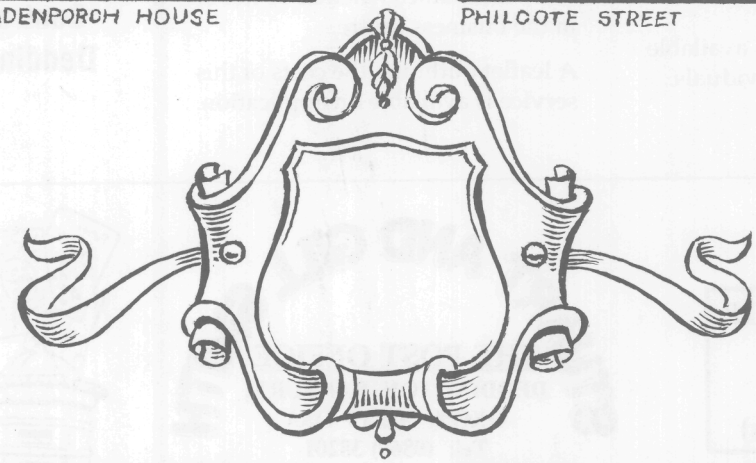

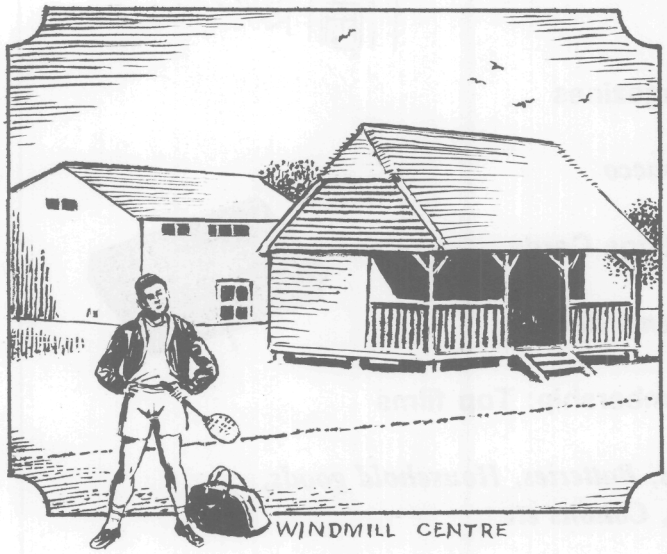
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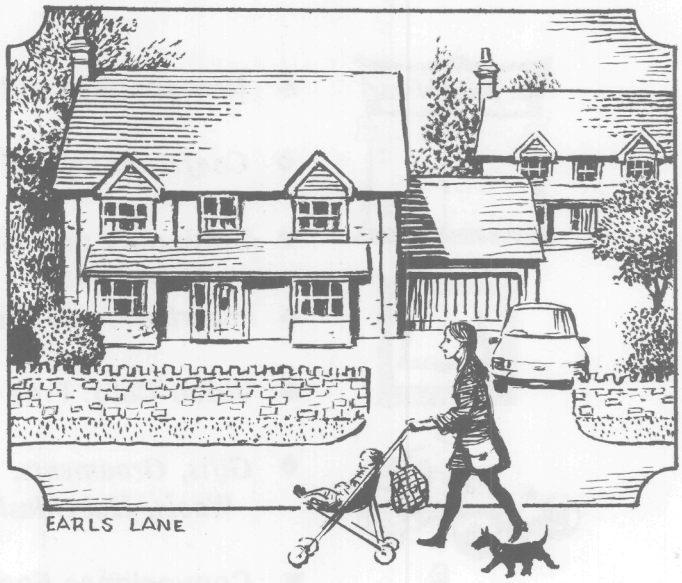
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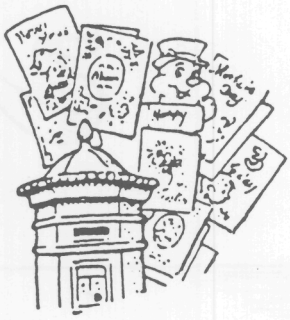

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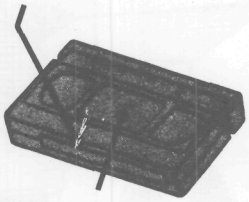

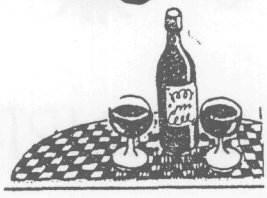

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EDITORIAL

It's hard to believe that only a few days ago (as I write) I was baking in temperatures near 40 degrees C. (a good old-fashioned 104 F) in Perth, Western Australia. This just might provide a good jetlag excuse for any bloomers that creep into my first **Deddington News**. They certainly won't be due to any lack of guidance from Angela and Norman Stone, our redoubtable predecessors who with infinite patience piloted us, and especially me, through the intricacies of DN planning and production. In the process I've discovered how word-processors really can 'talk' to each other. Those that don't account for some of the differences in style you'll notice. No doubt other changes will occur - and you will voice your views on them.

In the December issue, there was an item introducing the editorial team, without whose magnificent backing I would never have taken up the challenge of DN editorship. I'm equally indebted to the production team - both those who are "staying on" and those who are as new as I am. Following Angela's and Norman's team tribute in the February issue, I've added a few observations on page 13. It's the hope of all of us that all of you will continue to feel this is your magazine and your venue for voicing anything (within the limits of decency and the libel laws!) you strongly feel or otherwise want to share.

With the Coat of Arms ceremony in April and the Parish Council elections in May, not to mention the other events listed in the Diary on page 2, it seems it's all happening in Deddington this Spring.

Sylvie Spenceley Nickels.

And now, to echo the sentiments of all of us comes this tribute to

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We bid 'Norm' and 'Angie' fond farewell
For editing the 'NEWS' so well
But now to take this task awesome
To Sylvie and her team, 'Welcome'.

Raymond Titchell

YOUR DIARY DATES

MARCH DIARY

Th	3	Banbury Arts Society lecture, Marlborough Rd., Banbury, 7.30p.m.
Sat	5	Deddington Playgroup cake stall, Town Hall, 10a.m.
Tue	8	WI AGM with mini - auction, venue to be announced later, 7.30p.m.(See page 10)
Wed	9	U3A: George Spenceley on Canada, Windmill Centre, 2.30p.m.(See page 9)
Th	10	Sale of Traidcraft goods at Grove House,10 - 12a.m. and 2 - 4p.m.(See page 11)
Tue	15	**COPY DATE FOR APRIL DEDDINGTON NEWS. CHANGE OF DATE .**
Sat	19	Craft Fayre at Warriner School, 11 a.m. - 4p.m. (See page 9)
Wed	23	U3A: Brenda Cook on "Cotswold Perfumery", Windmill Centre , 2.30p.m.(See p 9)
Wed	23	Parish council meeting, Town Hall 7p.m. Dog warden present.
Th	24	Deddington Players meeting, Wesleyan hall, 7.00p.m. (See page 9)
Wed	30	Bus Tokens issued at Holly Tree Club, 9.30a.m. to 12.30p.m.
Wed	30	SPECIAL PC MEETING TO DISCUSS LOCAL GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS WITH LOCAL OFFICIALS, TOWN HALL, 7.30P.M..(See page 3)

APRIL DIARY

Sat	2	British Legion: *Dezine*
Th	7	Banbury Arts Society lecture, Marlborough Rd., 7.30p.m.
Wed	13	Deddington Playgroup Fundraising Fashion Show, School, 8p.m. £2.50
Sat	16	COAT OF ARMS PRESENTATION & PUDD'N'PIE FAIR. MARKET PLACE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC 10 A.M. TO 4P.M.(See page 5)
Sat	23	Fairport Convention concert in Deddington Parish Church,7.30p.m.(See page 8)
Wed	27-17 May	Preliminary assessment, Best Kept Village competition.

MAY DIARY

Th	5	Parish council and municipal elections.
Mon	30	Deddington Town Football Club event at the Castle Grounds.

JUNE DIARY

Fri	3	Final Judging, Best Kept Village competition.
Th	9	Euro elections.
Tue	14	"Bears and Prayers", Mother's Union family event in the grounds of Broughton Castle ,for International Year of the family, 11a.m.

DIARY SERVICE REMINDER

Our Diary Editor, Jean Flux, is providing a new DEDDINGTON NEWS service aimed at reducing clashing dates for local events. In future you can check with her to see if YOUR chosen date coincides with another Deddington happening. The effectiveness of this service depends, of course, on the amount of advance information made available - in other words, it's up to YOU. Further information from Jean Flux on 38153.

OXFORD CANCER SUPPORT GROUP is a small volunteer organisation which meets regularly to give advice, information, and support to people living with cancer. Their meetings are held on the first and third Thursday of every month from 2-4 p.m. at the Outpatients Department (Radiotherapy) in the Churchill Hospital. For further information please contact Mary on 0865-735512 at any time or Rosemary on 0865-60668 after 6 p.m.

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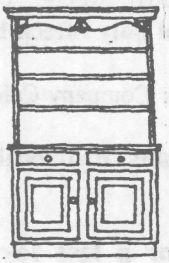

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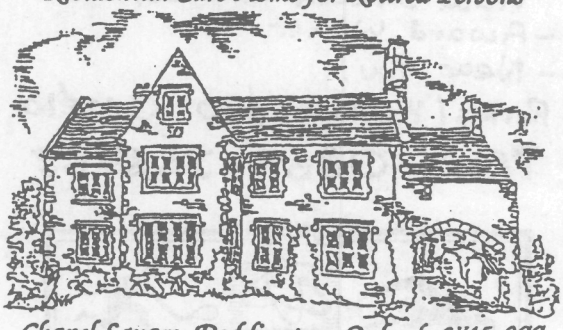

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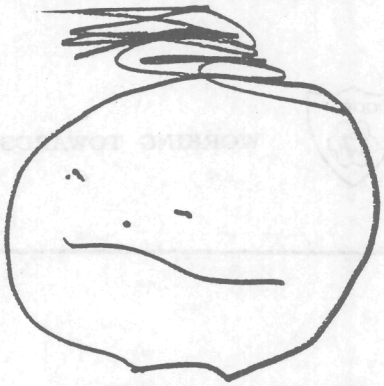

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CORRESPONDENT'S REPORT OF MEETING ON 16 FEBRUARY, TOWN HALL, 7.30PM

COAT OF ARMS All invited dignitaries will be present or represented on 16 April. Plans for the ceremony and Village Fair progress satisfactorily. Jim Flux was thanked for his help. All costs should be recouped by the year's end. PARISHIONERS ARE ADVISED THAT THE MARKET PLACE WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC 10am - 4pm, SATURDAY 16 APRIL.

ENVIRONMENT & RECREATION As part of Cherwell's Countryside programme, Cllr Canning will conduct a circular walk round Deddington later in the year.

BEST KEPT VILLAGE Preliminaries 27 April-17 May. Final judging 3 June. PC to discuss at next meeting.

UNICORN HOTEL New exterior lighting is obtrusively bright. PC to pursue with Cllr Davis.

LOW COST HOUSING 9 applications so far. ANYONE INTERESTED SHOULD COLLECT A FORM FROM THE PARISH CLERK, WINDMILL CENTRE, OR CLLR ODDY, KINGS ARMS.

PLANNING 1. Renewal of 1988 Approval of barn conversions etc at *Fuller's farm, Earls Lane*. PC stressed that permission is for holiday units only, not dwellings. Materials and detailing should be appropriate for Conservation Area. 2. Double Garage at *The Willery, Clifton Road:* no objection. 3. Garage at *Stonewalls, Hempton* - PC concerned that access may encroach on neighbouring property. 4. Enlarged access to *T & H, Clifton Road* - PC to investigate, especially the effect on drainage ditches. 5. *Leadenporch Farm* - local residents object to the new proposals - effect on landscape and amenities; traffic problems; noxious smells; water and air pollution. PC voted *nem con* (2 abstentions) to object - lack of detailed information; big increase in size of buildings; visual intrusion; increased production and waste products; doubled traffic flow; all of which exceed the scale and constraints of the 1986 Planning Permissions. If, however, CDC is minded to give Approval, PC to argue for screening by trees; separate bridle way; hygienic disposal of waste products, including water; special extraction/filtration plant to reduce smells and air pollution.

RUBBISH COLLECTION TO REDUCE LITTER AND VERMIN RISK, PARISHIONERS ARE REMINDED TO TIE UP RUBBISH BAGS BEFORE DISPOSAL.

WINDMILL CENTRE Defects continue to be corrected. The showers have been completed. Decorations are in hand. More trees have been planted. However, condensation in the main (old) building still a problem, and may have to be tackled from outside, entailing removal of the roof. PC called for a full report without delay. Work on the multi-use court should start before end of March, after 4-5 consecutive rainless days.

HIGH STREET TRAFFIC REFUGE The Parish Clerk acted correctly in not instructing the contractors to proceed. Cllrs Clinch, Bowen, Hill and Swash will meet the Highway Authority to review, including other options.

BUS TOKENS Forms are now available in the Post Office. Tokens will be issued on Wednesday 30 March, 9.30am - 12.30pm, at the Holly Tree Club.

INVESTMENT OF PARISH FUNDS £450,000 at 7.1% variable until 27 April 1995: £262,000 at four and fifteen sixteenths percent fixed until end February 1994: £22,000 at 4.25% on 14 days' notice: £17,800 at 2.25% overnight. TOTAL £751,800.

GRANT TO PARISH CHURCH The church has passed on to PC a demand from Clews, Architects, for an additional fee of £1800 + VAT for design work on the aborted first scheme. This is not a PC responsibility. Church would be advised to challenge the bill

FUTURE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT A SPECIAL PC MEETING AT THE TOWN HALL ON WEDNESDAY, 30 MARCH, 7.30pm, WILL DISCUSS WITH CDC OFFICIALS WHAT CHANGES, IF ANY, ARE NEEDED. PC CAN THEN MAKE INFORMED SUBMISSION BY APRIL DEADLINE.

FOOTBALL CLUB DTFC intend to hold an event at the Castle Grounds, 30 May - football, sideshows, disco - to mark their transfer to the Windmill complex.

TELEPHONE NUMBERS will change in 1994, with the addition of a figure 3 to the main number - eg 38019 becomes 338019 - and again in 1995 when the prefix becomes 01869.

WAR MEMORIAL Parishioners whose families inaugurated the memorial, or whose relatives are commemorated, do not want it moved.

DOG FOULING Dog litter bins to be installed in Castle Grounds and Windmill Complex. Dog warden to attend next PC meeting (23 March starting at 7pm) to discuss further remedial measures.

ADVANCE NOTICE PARISH & MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS 5 MAY: EURO ELECTIONS 9 JUNE.

NEXT MEETING Wednesday 23 March, 7pm, Town Hall. [NOTE TIME]

WALKING AROUND DEDDINGTON with RALPH ELSLEY

Walking around Deddington is not the same as walking round Deddington. For some years after I retired I walked round Deddington and it was a pleasant if not very taxing exercise, with its own peculiar rewards. I was constantly meeting and getting to know people; I could appreciate the drastic reduction in the flow of traffic when the M40 was opened, and then measure with growing apprehension how it was building up again. In an Editorial for the Deddington News ten years ago I commented upon the things to be observed on my daily excursions: "some slight modification to the sky-line, some quiet infilling, some indication of a change of tenure, some regrettable closing or hopeful new opening: all of which are part and parcel of the tranquil and essential drama of village life."

A year or so ago I had cause to take more vigorous exercise, so now I have extended my range and seriously taken to walking around Deddington. I meet far fewer people, but there is ample chance to commune with Nature, and on the whole there is no great risk. Ken Hart tells me of the nasty shock he had when a hidden rook-scaring device went off behind a hedge he was passing, and I recall with anguish tripping and falling into a bed of nettles in flimsy summer attire. Moreover, one is a little apprehensive about chance encounters with strangers in remote spots (I always leave my wallet behind just in case). There can be no doubt, though, that the variety and scope of travelling further afield are ample rewards for the extra effort and possible hazards involved.

I have provided a map (see insert with this issue) which covers all the routes that I regularly take. I aim to walk five miles a day and there is plenty of choice. In the next few issues I will suggest a series of walks based on this plan and provide a separate sketch each time with notes and observations. The distances will be from 3 to 6 miles and I shall indicate how long they make take.

In the course of a year I have found that conditions vary enormously according to the season. The best walking tends to be in the drier summer months (when it is not too hot) or in the crisp clear winter days when the ground is firm and clean. I discovered, to my surprise, that the late Spring and early Summer can prove difficult as the luxuriant growth of grass, weeds and nettles (and even tree-branches) can sometimes present a virtually insurmountable obstacle. It is also wise to check the force and direction of the wind when deciding which route to take. For this our church is an invaluable help with its resplendent vanes.

I shall also bear in mind in my recommendations that some gradients - depending on the walker's condition - may prove rather too much, especially at the end of a long and tiring walk. Deddington starts off by being pretty high up in the world and what goes down has also to come up, sometimes rather sharply.

Inevitably there is, and it is part of the pleasure, an unpredictable element in such venturing forth. It can be quite disarming how familiar landmarks can shift or disappear overnight: tractors may suddenly transform an easy walk-way into a challenging quagmire - in fact only today in a narrow lane I found myself confronting a flock of sheep being driven to drier pastures. It is not always easy even with map in hand to find one's way - the signposting is pretty desultory. It took me weeks to locate Bowman's Bridge, and once or twice I have emerged from an unmarked track past a notice declaring that all along I have been trespassing. I did this last summer in the New Forest, and read too late on the front of the signboard "Beware Adders"!

In conclusion let me recommend for those who would like some exercise without Wellingtons or walking boots the splendid new footpath to Hempton. It takes about twenty-five minutes each way, and if you want another twenty-five minute extension on clean roadway you can turn down to the left to Tomwell Farm half way along. There are some beautiful, open views on the right as you go out, once you have passed "Knotty Ash", with its unique display of gnomes and butterflies - but I will now leave it to you to make your own discoveries. <<<<

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FIRE CALLS : Things have quietened down after the flourish of the first month. We have received only 10 calls since the last issue, these being : 1 chimney fire, 1 lorry fire, 1 road traffic accident, 1 rubbish fire, 1 small fire at the Elms Clinic, 3 false alarms with good intent, 1 false alarm on an automatic system and 1 call to stand by at Bicester Fire Station. The total so far is 28.
OBITUARY : We were very sorry to hear of the death of Albert Sanders, who was a former Officer-in-charge of Deddington Fire Service. Albert was in the Fire Service during the last war which saw him, together with other Deddington firemen, fighting the fires in the aftermath of the Blitz on Coventry. Albert remained in the Fire Service until his retirement in 1968. Our sympathies go to Mabel, Penny and David.
ANNUAL DINNER : On Friday 18 February we held our Annual Dinner and dance at the Crown and Cushion, Chipping Norton. Having spoken to many of the 70 people who attended, I know that a good time was had by all. One of the prizes donated by the raffle was a giant 9.91b Toblerone which we decided to auction off by Dutch Auction, with the proceeds (£46.00) going to the Fire Service National Benevolent Fund. The Toblerone is to be given to the children's ward at the Horton General Hospital.

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March Services (Parish Church).

Sun 6 10.30am Sung Eucharist
Wed 9 10am Holy Communion
Sun 13 10.30am Mothering Sunday Service with Holy Communion
Wed 16 10am Holy Communion Sun 20 8am Holy Communion (BCP) 10.30am Sung Matins.
Wed 23 10am Holy Communion and healing service.
Fri. 25 Midday Prayers and meditation.
Sun 27 PALM SUNDAY 10.30am Sung Eucharist
Wed 30 10am Holy Communion
Thurs. 31 MAUNDY THURSDAY 7.30pm Eucharist 10pm Midnight Vigil
April 1 GOOD FRIDAY 1pm Procession of Witness
2pm 1 hour Devotional Service
April 3 EASTER SUNDAY 8am Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30am Sung Eucharist
April 6 10am Holy Communion

March Services (St. John).

Sun 6 9am Eucharist Sun 20 9am Eucharist
Sun 27 6pm Sung Evensong (BCP)
Sat April 7 EASTER EVE 11.30pm Vigil Service of Light & Easter Eucharist.

LENT.

House group meetings will be on Monday and Friday afternoons and Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Further information see February Deddington News or contact Viviane Hall (38225).

Special preachers at 10.30am Sunday services will be:
March 6 - Bishop Peter Walker on "I believe in God the Holy Spirit".
March 20 - Bishop Kenneth Cragg on "I believe in the Holy Catholic Church".

Mothering Sunday (March 13). 10.30am Deddington Parish Church. We look forward to being joined by the children and parents from Deddington School, scouts, cubs, guides, brownies and the Children's Church. There will be the blessing and distribution of posies.

Palm Sunday (27 March). Procession of children, parents and (some) members of the congregation from the school to the parish church led by a donkey (we hope!). Meet at the school at 10am. At all church services there will be the blessing and distribution of palm crosses. In Deddington there will be a dramatic presentation of the St John Passion instead of a sermon.

Maundy Thursday (31 March). Members of the churches in Deddington will join together for Eucharist in the Parish Church at 7.30pm, and includes symbolic washing of 12 disciples' feet. The preacher will be Stephen English, a children's missioner. Fellowship meal in the Wesleyan Reform Church hall after the service (please tell the Vicar if you would like to come).
10pm - midnight Parish Church open for silent prayer and meditation.

Good Friday (1 April) 1pm. Ecumenical Procession of Witness starts from Wesleyan Reform Church, passing through the Market Square to the Congregational Church and finishing at the Parish Church.
2pm. Devotional service will be conducted by Rev. Fred Secombe. You are welcome to join either (or both) events.

Easter Day (2-3 April) The most important day in the church's year. For service times see above.

New Organist and Choir Director (Deddington)

We thank Mr Peter Branson (May '93 - Feb. '94) for his work with us. He will be succeeded by Mrs. Linda Bloxham, who hopes to be with us after Easter. In March Ben Elvidge, David Boss and Chris Holmes will be playing for us

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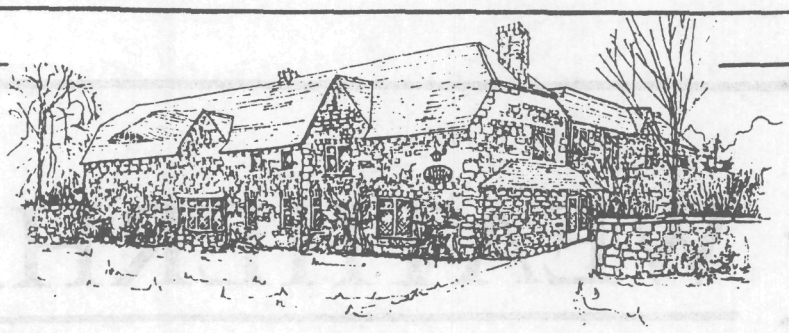

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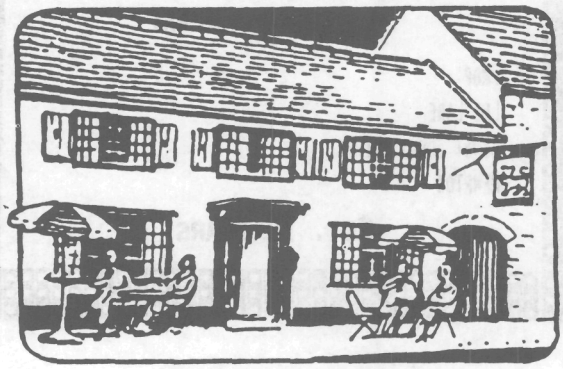

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FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS: FUNERALS

9 February in Hempton, ALBERT EDWARD SAUNDERS, aged 81 years.

Albert was born and has lived all his life in Deddington Parish. Until he retired, he was employed by Pressed Steel in Oxford. He served as a part-time fireman during and after the war and for a time was leading fireman. He married Mabel in 1936 and lived in Horsefair. They had two children, David and Penny. A devoted footballer, he was secretary, treasurer, groundsman and linesman of Deddington Football Club, a member of Oxfordshire Football Association for over 30 years and served on the Disciplinary Committee. He was also a keen gardener.

11 February in Deddington, ROBERT PERCY TAYLOR, aged 91 years.

Percy was born in Souldern and worked on a farm there until 1938. At a flower show in Deddington's Castle grounds, he met Florence, from Barford St Michael. They were married in 1922 and had three children, Ernest, Lois and Jo. In 1938 the family moved to Deddington where he worked on Butlin's farm. He retired at 65, though kept active around the village, was a keen gardener and loved the land, horses and dogs.

12 February in Oxford Crematorium, SIR BRIAN KELLETT, aged 71 years.

Brian was born in Romiley, Cheshire. After his father's early death, he won a scholarship to Manchester Grammar School and then went to Trinity College, Cambridge where he graduated with a first in Mathematics. In 1942 he joined the Admiralty working in anti-submarine warfare. He then moved to the Ministry of Transport and thence into industry. In 1955 he joined Tube Investments in Birmingham, becoming Chairman in 1976 as well as of its subsidiary, British Aluminium. In 1974 he became a non-executive director of Unigate, taking over as Chairman in 1991. He also served as a director of Nat: West Bank and Lombard North Central. He became Chairman of the Port of London Authority in 1985, retiring in 1992.

He was a member of the Royal Commission on Standards in Public Life and of the Investment Management Regulatory Organisation. He also served as a Governor of Imperial College and the London Business School. He was knighted in 1979.

Brian married Jane in 1947 and they had three daughters. He was a keen gardener and an active member of the church. Until recently he was a member of Deddington Parish Parochial Church Council. A service of Thanksgiving was held on 12 February.

KEN REEVES (vicar) 38329

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March 6 Holy Communion - Pastor I. Walton 13 - Mr S. English

20 - Paul Bullock 27 - Dr M. Graveny

Mondays - 12.30pm Prayer (Venue, phone 38024 or 38774).

Weds - 7.30pm Prayer and discussion based on God's word.

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8 March - Mrs H. Elbourn 22 March - Mrs H. Hall

5 April - Rev T. Demore 19 April - Mrs E. Eaton

We would like to offer our condolences to Ernie Taylor and family on the death of his father.

DON DAVIDSON 47072

THE WAY WE WERE

DEDDINGTON 150 YEARS AGO by Buffy Heywood

Extracts from the diaries of the Rev. Cotton Risley for the month of March 1844:

1st MARCH - Sent Edmund to Adderbury with a pork pie for Mr. Barber, who was better today, and a bottle of gin for old Nanny Smith. Finished bottling off the rhubarb wine, 23 dozen in all.
4th MARCH - We heard from Betsy giving a miserable account of poor little dear Bobby.
5th MARCH - The Assize Courts in Oxford - Smith from Ledwell was convicted of larceny and imprisoned for 14 days only, the circumstances of the case being very peculiar.
7th MARCH - Two women called on business having had a serious loss in the death of their sow pig and 10 young ones - I gave them 5/-d. towards their loss. I called at Jos. Clarke's to beg he would inform old James Gaydon that in consequence of his late disgraceful conduct at Banbury he should not any longer hold any land of mine.
10th MARCH - Gave a certificate of his brother John's baptism to Smoker Churchill who was going to Australia. (Someone from Australia visited our house a couple of years or so ago who was a descendent of the "Australian" Churchills).
20th MARCH - In Brighton - Called on Miss Roberts and asked her to allow dearest Betsie to come and spend the day with me, which she acceded to. Talked over little Robert and Miss Miller's conduct with her - left her and had an interview with Miss Miller who received me and demeaned herself most uncourteously and unlike a well bred woman towards me. I ended the interview by bringing Robert away with me, I returned again in the afternoon and paid her bill for the whole half year tho' he had been under her care 8 weeks only. We had received repeated accounts from Betsy of the discomfort of the little fellow, who complained most of the conduct of a teacher named Neale towards him in having punished him for things he was not guilty of.
21st MARCH - Robert and I left Brighton by the 9 O'clock train and reached home about 6 o'clock to the joy of his Mama.

HAVE ANY READERS KEPT DIARY ENTRIES OR CLEAR MEMORIES OF THE VILLAGE A CENTURY LATER - i.e. MARCH 1944?

If so, and you'd like to share them, do send them in.

FAIRPORT CONVENTION CONCERT, Deddington Parish Church, 23rd April

What promises to be a foot-tapping event takes place in Deddington Parish Church on Saturday, 23rd April, at 7.30 p.m. when the Fairport Convention are generously putting on a Folk concert to help raise money for the Barford Churches' Restoration Appeal. Tickets cost £9 and are available from David Best, Street Farm, Barford St. John (tel. 0295-720566) or from Steve Miller Hair Workshop, Market Place, Deddington. Tickets are selling quite quickly - so don't delay!

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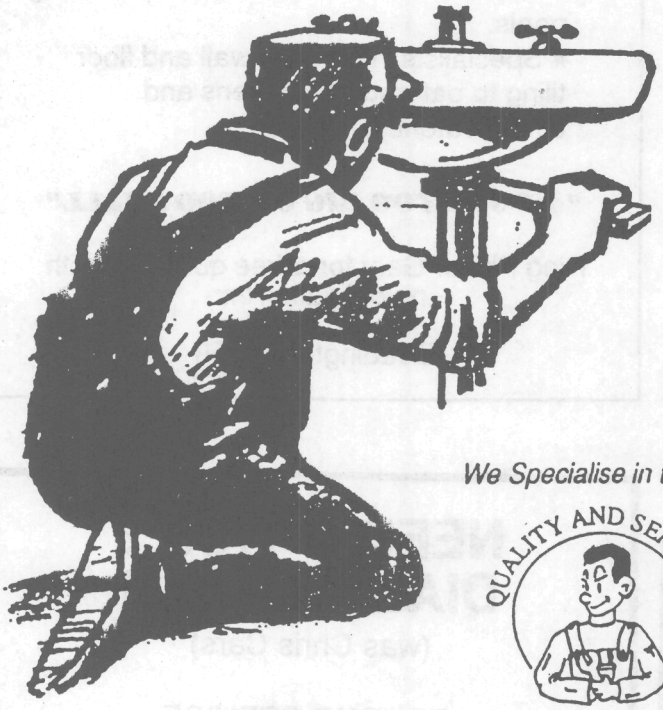

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DEDDINGTON ARTS GROUP

I have booked a stall (under cover) for the "Coat-of-Arms Fayre" on 16 April. This is mostly for selling rather than exhibition purposes, so please contact me (or Betty Hill) if you would like to sell your work with us. All proceeds go to the selling artist (like the November exhibition).

ELIZABETH TOTHILL 38186

DEDDINGTON PLAYERS

The next meeting of the Players will be on Thursday, 24 March at the Wesleyan Hall at 7pm. The meeting will review the events of 93/94 including finances, and discuss the programme for the coming year. The committee look forward to seeing all those interested in taking part in future events.

JEAN FLUX 38153

UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

At the first meeting in February, Mrs.Joy Newman provided a fascinating account of her interesting life in a talk entitled "Stepping Stones". She illustrated her talk with many keepsakes.

The unpleasant Winter weather did not deter many members from attending the meeting on 23 February when Marianne Elsley related her experiences of Nursing during the early 40s. Her recollections of pay, conditions, "pecking-order" etc provided an amusing, as well as serious appreciation of her profession.

On 9 March George Spenceley will give a talk called "Wilderness and Wealth". This describes 8,000 miles of travel in Canada. On 23 March Mrs.Brenda Cook of the Cotwolds Perfumery will speak. Both meetings at the Windmill Centre,2.30pm.

If anyone would like to know more about the U3A please telephone me.

PAT BRITTAIN 38685

WARRINER'S SCHOOL CRAFT FAYRE

There will be a Craft Fayre in the dining hall of the Warriner's School on Saturday, 19 March from 11am - 4pm. Please support this event by coming along, or by making a cake for the Cake Stall. All funds received will be used to help towards the new Play/Recreation Area for students. Hope to see you there! For further information please ring me.

SUE LANE 38900

DEDDINGTON AND DISTRICT YOUTH CLUB

At long last we have resumed normal trading. The Windmill refurbishment has provided the Club with much improved facilities. In the meantime we were able to maintain a profile and earn a few bob by providing catering for the Pantomime, including Buttercup and her many friends.

The new Windmill will make life a great deal easier for the Leaders and also the members. We now have a chance to use more space and to introduce a "quiet" room for the Senior members. Perhaps "quiet" is stretching it a bit, but there seemed to be a need for a place where the older members could congregate to listen to their music, watch TV and play Board Games, away from the frenzied activity of the younger members.This also gives the younger ones something to aspire to.

That's the good news.... but the improved facilities will inevitably cost more. At present with our regular attendance of about 40 we just about break even, and any drop in numbers means that we run at a loss. We are therefore increasing the weekly subs to 70p from 28 February. I hope you will accept this change and understand the reason for it.

Lastly- we have formed a new rota, which means basically that each Leader only has to be responsible for one Monday in four, although most Leaders actually turn up week after week. With pressures of work, though, it does seem that the present number of Leaders may not always be there and we are looking for more help.Anyone who is interested in coming along, at first to help, and later perhaps to join the rota, please contact Les Lane (38900) or me. Any offers will be gratefully received.

TONY LOWE 37108

CALLING ALL CLUBS continued

DEDDINGTON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB

The Saturday Side

Barford Res.(h)	Lost 1-2	M.Downing
Tysoe(h)	Lost 2-3	L.Hayward,P.Gibbs
Bloxham Res(a)	Lost 0-5	

This side have lost their three games and are at present second from bottom in Div 2. We hope for better results next month.Gareth Smith is top scorer with 4.

The Sunday Side

Enstone(a)Norbar Shield	Drew 0-0 aet	
Red Star Irregulars(a) Hartwells Cup	Won 2-1	G.Harrison, C.Hill
Star Wanderers(a) Sam Waters Cup	Won 5-1	M.Springall 2,G.Harrison 2,N.Coles
Enstone(h)replay Norbar Shield	Won 1-0	C.Hill

The success story continues with this side; Cup Football has dominated their fixtures once again over the last month. The most stunning victory came against Star Wanderers in the Sam Waters Cup; the goal scorers in this demolition of one of Oxford's premier sides were Matthew Springall with 2, Gary Harrison also with 2 and one from Neil Coles. This victory puts Deddington into the last 4 of the competition,if they are successful in the Semi-Final. The Final takes place at Oxford UTD's Stadium. Manager Dave Risato has boldly predicted "that he sees no-one stopping them from winning the competition". Top scorer is M.Springall with 24.

The Sunday Reserve Side

Barbarians(h)	Drew 2-2	I.Skuce, K.Mitchell
Aynho Athletic(h)	Won 4-1	I.Skuce 2, M.Doggett,K.Mitchell
Horse and Groom(h)	Won 3-2	I.Skuce 3

This side has been in fine form and occupies 2nd position in League Div.6. Kelvin Mitchell is top scorer with 19. Ian Skuce is second with 9.

STEVE PLUMBE 38512

DEDDINGTON GARDENERS

We have booked a stall for the "Coat-of-Arms Fayre" on 16 April. We wish to sell plants and at the same time distribute entry forms for our next Front Gardens Competition.

If you can spare any plants or seeds, please bring them to me during the week before the Fayre. Will you please label each item, preferably giving the name, but at least saying what type of plant it is with approx. size and colour!

Proceeds will go towards the cost of running the Competition.

Membership subs are now due. Please collect your card from Joan Robins (38210). New members are always welcome (£2 for the card,which allows 10% off at selected Garden Centres).

Cactus lovers: Ms.Robinson,13,Hempton Rd (37426) has some splendid specimens for sale.They were grown by Mr.& Mrs.Horne.

ELIZABETH TOTHILL 38186

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We had to abandon our January meeting - nowhere to meet - and took refuge at the Windmill for the February get-together. We enjoyed the new amenities, especially the lovely large kitchen, although the room was really a bit small for our members, the speaker and a projector. None the less we had a good evening. Mr.Gourlay, a bee enthusiast told us about the history of bee keeping, "managing", he calls it, since bees are independent creatures and if you want them to survive you have to come to some arrangements with them. This was a very informative and interesting talk and was much enjoyed.

On March 8th we shall have our AGM and following that our annual Mini-Auction. We hope to be back at the Holly Tree Club, but members please look out for a WI notice at the Post Office, in case the Holly Tree is still not available. (In which case we shall go to the Windmill again.)

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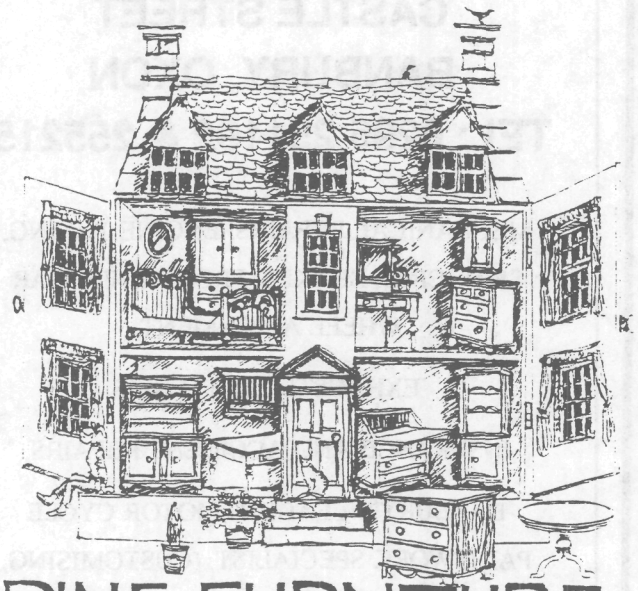

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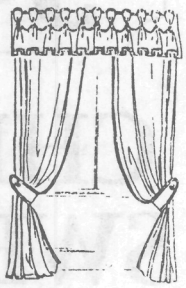

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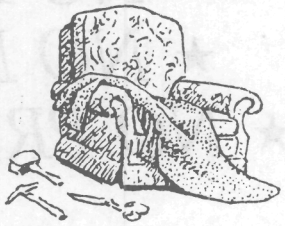

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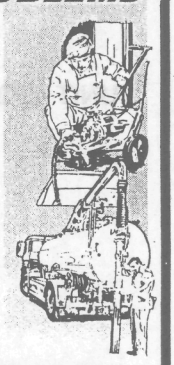

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NEWS FROM HEMPTON

Our little church was full for the funeral of Albert Sanders. His widow had requested family flowers only so instead, neighbours and friends added to the church collection and sent a cheque to Laburnum Ward at the Horton Hospital, where he had received so much kindness.

The famous path continues to be patronised despite snow and cold winds. However, several people have commented on the damage being done by horses' hooves; they fear this will lead to rapid deterioration of the surface.

The snow revealed, once again, the extensive activities of foxes. Their neat single lines of tracks appeared everywhere overnight. It is amazing how accurately they manage to step in their own footprints. This "registering" as it is called distinguishes fox's footprints from those of dogs and cats.

NAN HARRIS (38039)

NEWS FROM CLIFTON

Alas, there still is none - but we remain hopeful of a Clifton correspondent emerging before too long to let the rest of us know what's afoot - or a-thought - in this attractive corner of the parish.

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FROM THE EDITOR'S POSTBAG

FROM DAWN FRANKLIN, ST. THOMAS STREET, DEDDINGTON
I do not think that the War Memorial should be moved from the Churchyard to the Market Place: for the Churchyard is a holy place, and the Market Square is not a holy place.
Dawn Franklin (aged nine).

FROM LADY KELLETT, THE OLD MALT HOUSE, DEDDINGTON

My family and I would like to thank everyone in Deddington for their very kind enquiries, thoughts, and prayers, which helped to strengthen us during the last few weeks of great sadness. We are most grateful too for all the donations given in my husband's memory to Katharine House Hospice, Adderbury.

FROM W.A. BIDGOOD, CHURCH STREET, DEDDINGTON
Regarding the question raised in your last issue of the obstruction of fire hydrants by parked vehicles: I wonder how many people even realise that these painted yellow traps signify this? When there was such a thing, I was a member of the Auxiliary Fire Service, and I certainly didn't. Would it not be possible to erect by each hydrant a strong bollard to about bumper height so that it would be physically impossible to block it by careless parking? Whoever paid for this, it would be money well spent.

FROM DEE HAILEY, HUDSON STREET, DEDDINGTON
Is it really necessary for tractors and earth-moving equipment to use the dirt footpath along the Clifton Road? They seem to drive along with one wheel on the verge, and this has churned up the footpath for quite some length.

FROM J.V. LEE, CASTLE STREET, DEDDINGTON
Your report on the Parish Council's January meeting shows a split on the issue of a Precept for 1994-95.

The Council's programme for capital projects and grants, together with inflation and falling interest rates, has reduced investment income in recent years. There have been warnings at past meetings that substantial precept (£50 p.a. per average household?) may become necessary after next year. This will be for the next Council to decide and there may be choices. A large capital sum still remains and some parishioners will think that the income from it should be spent only if this will meet the Parish's annual expenditure on facilities' running and maintenance costs, without the need for levying a precept. Such parishioners presumably think that our large capital 'windfall' should free the Parish from levy of a precept for all time! If this means that users of new facilites have to pay a full economic price, this is only fair to other parishioners who have not benefited from much of recent capital expenditure. The needs of users who cannot pay the full and fair price can be better met by targeted subsidy according to need.

Others may feel that the remaining capital should be carefully guarded, together with interest, for future Parish projects - with a full precept to meet all annual costs including these subsidies. Our future Councillors will need to consider these options and let us know their views in good time.

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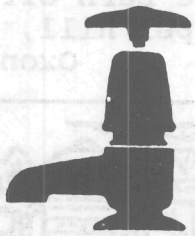

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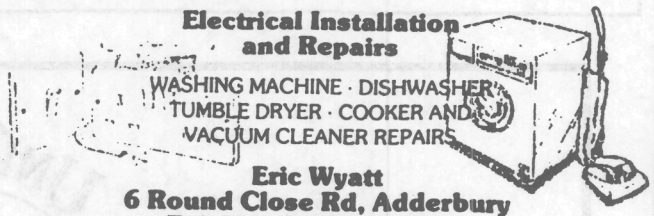

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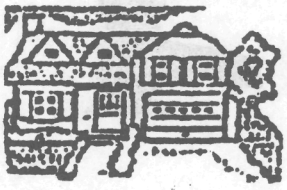

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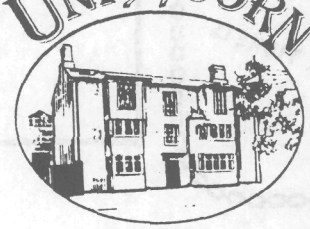

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One of the impressive things about the DN is the degree of commitment of so many of the team, not only to the magazine itself but to other aspects of community life. Ruth Johnson, who oversees the hi-tech Ricoh as it disgorges 950 copies in three hours or so, is a long-standing member of the Parish Church choir and Secretary of the Deddington Housing Association. Jo Mace, Ruth's creative right hand, was a major designer for the Panto wardrobe and props. Both appreciate Roy Berridge's technical skills in the (fortunately uncommon) case of hiccups in the "printing" works. Roy prepares ad. lay-outs as necessary on his Desk-Top publisher, as well as proving to be a great solver of editorial quarts in pint pots.

Without its advertising the DN wouldn't exist in its present form. Advertising manager Christine Blythe began her involvement with the DN as collator, then ad. assistant, until taking over the full ad. responsibility over a year ago. In any (rare) spare time, she's an ad hoc helper at the newly formed Youth Club. DN Treasurer Buffy Heywood - another of the original collators and now well-established contributor of the popular The Way We Were series - knows more than most about the finer points of DN's finances. She's local contact for the Imperial Cancer Research Fund.

The collating and distribution of 950 copies each month calls for a veritable army of helpers - alas, too numerous to name individually. Master-minding this is no small task for Pat Brittain, new to the team but certainly not to the village; she's also a School Governor, Vice Chairman of U3A and active in voluntary work. Pat is much assisted by Alison Brice, who coordinates the collating team each month; and Liz Handley, who's new to the team and newish to the village, though already involved in Christian Aid collection - "a great way," she says, "of getting to know the villagers."

In short there is no denying what an energetic - and community-caring - lot the DN team is: characteristics which hopefully will continue to be reflected in the DN itself.

Sylvie Spenceley Nickels

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So how did you make out with February's W O R D S E A R C H ?

The solutions (of course) are: Haddaway, Take That, Spin Doctors, The Shamen, Erasure, INXS, Meatloaf, K.W.S., Ace of Base, Queen.

The theme for this month's puzzle is TV 'Soaps'. You should fine eight of them.

If you've any ideas for future puzzles - or any thoughts you want to air, just let REBECCA BLYTHE (or the Editor) know.

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